



Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Resolution 2006/07-07 In support of continuing operation of the Kenai Liquefied Natural Gas facility

WHEREAS, Marathon Oil Co. (MOC) and ConocoPhillips Oil Company (COP) have filed with US Department of Energy (USDOE) for a two-year extension of the export license for the Kenai Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) plant; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai LNG facility provides jobs for the Kenai Peninsula and generates \$70 million per year in wages, taxes, royalties and local spending in the Kenai Peninsula Borough and across the state; and

WHEREAS, Kenai business activity provides a benefit to Anchorage businesses; and

WHEREAS, ConocoPhillips and Marathon are large Anchorage businesses and Anchorage Chamber of Commerce members; and

WHEREAS, the Kenai LNG plant provides gas supply stability for Southcentral utilities by backing up gas supplies during times of peak demand on cold days or when disruptions occur in the gas supply system; and

WHEREAS, continuing operations of the plant helps assure natural gas security for Cook Inlet by assuring robust gas fields and driving further investment; and

WHEREAS, industrial gas demand in Cook Inlet spreads the cost of gas delivery over a larger flow thereby reducing the cost to consumers; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the industrial demand for natural gas in Cook Inlet is crucial for ensuring options to either continue exports or convert the plant into a regasification facility, should the need arise;

WHEREAS, if the gas cannot be exported, it may be shut-in, which would likely result in lost gas reserves and diminished deliverability.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce hereby resolves that this body supports the requested extension of the USDOE export license and strongly supports Marathon and ConocoPhillips for taking this initiative to preserve jobs in the Kenai Peninsula and bolster natural gas security and the economic health of Cook Inlet.

Approved the 16 day of March 2006.

William J. Evans, 2006-07 Chair

Stacy Schubert, IOM, President